

SENATE CHAMBER
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Thursday, March 2, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; Hon. Don Campbell, President, in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Absent—excused—Senator Baker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Pridgen the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

By Senator Parsons: a petition of the heirs of Charles G. Bryant and Andrew Jackson Bryant, asking for relief.

Read and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Report of Committee on Stock and Stock Raising:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 1, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 187, entitled "An act to incorporate the Navarro Jockey Club, of Navarro county," have carefully considered the same and recommend its passage, with the following amendments, to-wit:

In section one, line ten, strike out the word "perpetual;" and amend section eight, line one, by inserting after the word "force" the following words: "for fifty years."

S. W. FORD,
Chairman.

Report read and laid over under the rules.

Report of Committee on State Affairs:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 1, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 151, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Groesbeck, in Limestone county," have carefully considered the same, and recommend its passage with the following amendments, to wit: Amend section third by prefixing the following words to

said section, to wit: "The city council shall consist of a mayor and five aldermen, and—". The following shall be known as section 22: "That it shall be the duty of the District Judge, whenever complaint is made to him under oath by any person or persons, accusing the mayor, marshal, or any member of the board of aldermen, or any other officer appointed by them," of *malfesance* or *neglect* of duty in any manner in office, to immediately examine into the truth of said charges, and if true, he shall remove the person or persons from office at once. And that section 23 shall read as follows: "That this act shall be in force from and after its passage."

S. W. FORD,
Chairman.

Report read, and laid over under the rules.

Report of Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 1, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of the town of Ysleta, in El Paso county, asking for the removal of the county seat of El Paso county from San Eleceario, and its location at Ysleta, have carefully examined the same, and report it back with the recommendation that it be referred to the Senator from El Paso, in order that he may take such action in the premises as may be necessary, he being the only one responsible to his constituency.

Respectfully,

J. G. BELL,
Chairman.

On motion of Senator Bell, the rules were suspended and report adopted.

Report of Committee on Public Lands:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 2, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 159, to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Indianola City and Land Company," have duly considered the same and I am instructed by a majority of the committee to report the same back to the Senate and recommend that it do pass.

B. J. PRIDGEN, Chairman.

Read and laid over under the rules.

Report of Committee on Engrossed Bills :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 2, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR : Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, having examined and compared Senate bill No. 36, "to incorporate the German Casino, of Columbus, Texas," and Senate bill No. 71, "to incorporate the Marion county Agricultural, Mechanical and Blood Stock Association," find the same to be correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,
E. L. DOHONEY,
P. W. HALL.

Report read and received.

Report of Committee on Counties and County Boundaries :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 1, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR : Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom were referred Senate bills No. 198 "An act to organize the county of Pecos," and No. 199 "An act to organize the county of Presidio," have had the same under careful consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend their passage.

P. W. HALL,
Chairman.

Report read and laid over under the rules.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Bowers : a bill (Senate bill No. 202) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Austin." Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Senator Bowers, the Committee on Printing was instructed to have one hundred and fifty copies of Senate bill No. 202 printed.

By Senator Bowers : a bill (Senate bill No. 203) to be entitled "An act to repeal so much of an act entitled 'an act to authorize and require the clerks of the district courts of Titus, Travis and San Augustine counties to apportion the causes on the dockets of said courts,' approved January 31, 1870." Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Bowers : Senate joint resolution No. 22, "Joint re-

solution to amend article one, section twenty, of the State Constitution." Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Mills: a bill (Senate bill No. 204) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Central Insurance Company of Texas." Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Dohoney: a bill (Senate bill No. 205) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Paris Gas Company." Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Fountain: a bill (Senate bill No. 206) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the town of San Eleceario." Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Pridgen: a bill (Senate bill No. 207) to be entitled "An act concerning proceedings in the district courts in certain cases." Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Pridgen: a bill (Senate bill No. 208) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the San Antonio Bridge Company." Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Senator Saylor: a bill (Senate bill No. 209) to be entitled "An act to authorize the County Court of Milam county to levy and collect a special tax for the purpose of erecting a new court house in said county." Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Saylor: a bill (Senate bill No. 210) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the San Gabriel Bridge Company." Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senator Gaines moved a suspension of the rules, to take from file Senate bill No. 108, an act to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Navasota, Washington and Brazos Bridge Company."

Motion to suspend the rules lost.

GENERAL FILE.

Senate bill No. 35, "An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Columbus, and for other purposes." Read second time.

On motion of Senator Tendick, Senate bill No. 35 was recommended to the Committee on State Affairs.

Under direction of the President, the Secretary carried to the House, House bill No. 144, "An act to reincorporate and grant a new charter to the town of Georgetown, in Williamson county, etc."

Also, House bill No. 261, "An act to incorporate the city of Hempstead, county of Austin," informing the House, the Senate had passed the same.

Also, for signature of the Speaker, enrolled Senate bill No. 25, "An act supplementary to and amendatory of 'an act to incorpo-

rate the Dallas Wire Suspension Bridge Company,' approved July 22, 1870."

Enrolled bill signed by the Speaker, returned, and signed by the President of the Senate.

10:30 o'clock, A. M.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the special order, Senate bill No. 4, "An act to give effect to the several provisions of the Constitution concerning taxes," the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

IN SENATE.

Message from the House by Chief Clerk informing the Senate the House had passed Senate concurrent resolution No. 3, with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the word "concerning," in concurrent resolution No. 3, and substitute the following: "That the action of the Governor in declaring martial law in Walker county, is approved by the Legislature, and that he be and is hereby authorized to pursue such course in the premises as he may deem necessary."

Amend caption as follows: "Senate concurrent resolution No. 3, confirming the action of the Governor in declaring martial law in Walker county, and authorizing him to pursue such course as he may deem necessary in the premises."

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

IN SENATE.

Message from the House by Chief Clerk transmitting for signature enrolled House bill No. 64, "An act to authorize the County Court of Washington county to levy a special tax for building a jail at the county seat;"

Also, enrolled House bill No. 366, "An act to incorporate the Jefferson Gas Light Company."

Enrolled bills signed and returned to the House.

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

IN SENATE.

Senator Flanagan, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Report received and leave granted.

Senator Fountain offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be and he is hereby directed to procure a pair of light frame doors, covered with baize or some other

suitable material, and have the same placed in the main entrance door to the Senate Chamber.

By leave, Senator Fountain introduced a bill (Senate bill No. 211) to be entitled "An act to amend the third section of an act entitled 'an act creating the counties of Presidio, El Paso and Worth,' approved January 3, 1850." Read first time and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Senator Douglass moved that an additional Senator be added to the Committee on State Affairs, which motion was adopted.

By leave, Senator Hall submitted the following report of Committee on Counties and County Boundaries:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 2, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL.

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 201, "An act to authorize the County Court of Robertson county to levy and collect a special tax for the term of two years, to build a court house and jail at Calvert, the county seat of said county," have had the same under careful consideration and beg leave to most respectfully recommend its passage.

P. W. HALL,
Chairman.

Report read and laid over under the rules.

On motion of Senator Saylor the Senate adjourned to 10 A. M. to-morrow.
